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## WHAT A LOVELY PAIR!

Geordie duo Ant and Dec were mobbed by hundreds of fans at Bluewater at the weekend, where they were promoting their latest book.

The TV presenters - who front hit ITV show I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here - signed copies of 'Ohh! What a Lovely Pair' at WH Smith's on Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of fans arrived at the shopping centre in the middle of the night to make sure of a chance to meet the pair.

A Bluewater spokesman said: "It was an extremely busy day, with more than 450 books sold."

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE identity of the murdered woman whose body was found in a suitcase on marshland in Cliffe last week remains a mystery.

A post mortem examination was carried out on the badly decomposed body on Friday - the day after the remains were discovered - and revealed vital information.

It is known that the woman was in her 20s, 4ft 11in tall and of petite build. She had a light-coloured skin and long black hair. She also had both her ears pierced, with a single piercing in each earlobe.

The cause of death had not been revealed by police at the time of going to press.

Detectives believe the woman had been dead for at least two weeks before her body was dumped in a black suitcase at a dried-up pond, known locally as the old pond, near Buckland Road. It is believed she was from London.

It is thought the body was left at the site sometime after late afternoon on Sunday, September 20.

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, the Area Commander for Medway, appealed for the public's help in naming the victim.

He said: "This is a complex investigation and my officers are working hard to identify the woman and to establish what might have happened to her."

"We need the public's help with this, and we are keen to hear from anyone who may be worried about a friend or loved one who fits the description of this woman and who has been missing for two weeks or longer."

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# Tory: 'Provide free heroin to help cut crime'

BY SIMON ROBINSON

HEROIN addicts should be given free drugs, according to a Medway councillor.

River ward representative Craig Mackinlay said the controversial scheme – currently being piloted in Brighton, London and Darlington – should also be tested in Medway.

The Tory said controlled heroin handouts would lead to a fall in the number of drug-related crimes committed across the towns.

The cost of the scheme stands at £15,000 per user – three times the cost of Methadone treatment – but Cllr Mackinlay said this would be a small price to pay.

"If the additional annual cost of £10,000 per user under treatment is equated to the 300 crimes saved per year per user, this represents unbelievably good value to the community," he said.

"River ward has the highest crime rate in Medway, with central Chatham at the heart of the prostitution and drugs trade.

"No prostitute – 95 per cent of whom have a class A drug addiction – has chosen prostitution as a career. They are simply slaves to a trade as a means to fund their drug habit.

"It would be better to provide clean heroin, medically supervised, as an alternative to their degrading lifestyle which harms communities."

More than 120 "entrenched heroin users" have been taking part in the trials. Initial results have shown the users' weekly spend on street drugs has fallen from £300 a week to £50 in six months.

Drug-related crime has also reduced from 40 per month to 13. Despite the success, police chiefs are reluctant to adopt the scheme.

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, Area Commander for



**RADICAL:** Craig Mackinlay believes the free heroin pilot scheme could work in Medway

Medway and chair of Medway Drug and Alcohol Action Team, said: "Councillor Mackinlay has been a great supporter of both the work of the police and the action team. The areas in this pilot are not comparable to Medway, with far higher drug-related crime despite their participation in the scheme.

"Medway Drug and Alcohol Action Team has a focus on identifying the needs of those who suffer from either drug or alcohol problems. Our activity is comprehensive and includes not only treatment but also education.

"We also have a comprehensive offender management unit. This targets individuals who may, through their addiction, be likely to commit crime. This has been extremely successful and is one of the reasons why we see only two burglaries a day in Medway.

"I recognise the problems in River ward and we will be working with the community, including Cllr Mackinlay, to further improve the quality of life for people in that area."

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## Missing girls appeal

POLICE are appealing for information in the search for two teenage Vietnamese sisters, who have been missing for more than two months.

Tuong Vi Ta, 16, who is known as Vee, and Linh Nguyen Trang Tra, 14, who is known as Lynn, were last seen leaving their foster home in Hawkhurst Road, Gillingham, on July 12.

Lynn is 5ft 2in with brown eyes and shoulder-length straight black hair.

Vee is 5ft 5in with brown eyes and long black hair, often in a ponytail.

Anyone with information is asked to call Kent Police in Medway on 01634 792288 or the missing people hotline on 0500 700 700.

## ASBO ends the abuse

A NUISANCE neighbour has been handed a five-year ASBO after causing persistent problems in Medway.

Under the order, Eileen Hutton, of Northcote Road, Strood, is banned from shouting threatening, abusive or insulting language that causes harassment, alarm or distress to any person not of the same household as her.

If the 53-year-old breaches her ASBO she will be taken to court.

Medway Police's anti-social behaviour officer Peter Jackson said: "Her behaviour has caused misery for families who have been victims of her intimidating and threatening behaviour.

"I would like to thank the witnesses whose cooperation was essential for our success in this case."

## Easing caring burden

CARERS are being invited to attend seminars to highlight the funding streams available to them.

Medway Council's Make Caring Count campaign begins on Monday and runs until December 2.

A one-off information event will also be held on Thursday, October 29, at the Franklin Rooms, Gillingham, where staff will be on hand to offer advice on benefits.

Carers are entitled to claim for financial support through benefits if they spend 35 hours or more a week looking after someone. For more information, call 01634 332345 or email welfare.benefits@medway.gov.uk.



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# Cage-fighter admits £53m robbery guilt

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

FORMER cage-fighter Paul Allen will be jailed next week after admitting his role in the £53 million Securitas robbery.

The 31-year-old, of Huntersfield Close, Chatham, pleaded guilty to each of the three charges against him: conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to possess a firearm.

The fighter, who competed under the name 'The Enforcer', entered the guilty pleas at Woolwich Crown Court on Monday, where he was due to face a retrial for his part in the Tonbridge heist.

His admissions were made on the basis that he was neither one of the robbers who entered the Tonbridge warehouse nor one of the kidnappers of depot manager Colin Dixon and his family.

Allen's agreed basis of plea also said he did not handle or obtain firearms, that he was working for fellow cage-fighter Lee Murray and "did his bidding" in the planning and that his only benefit was property in Morocco. He will be sentenced on Monday.

Kent Chief Constable Michael Fuller said: "This guilty plea means an end to this part of the proceedings in this country. It doesn't mean an end to the investigation, or recovering the money or assets obtained through this robbery."

"The victims still live with the memories of what the robbers put them through. I'm pleased they will not have to recount their ordeal again."



TERRIFYING: CCTV footage of Securitas robbery

"It is also testimony to the hard work of my officers for the thousands of hours put into the investigation of this crime, and our work with the Crown Prosecution Service to bring the offenders to justice."

Five others have already been jailed for their part in the robbery, the largest cash raid ever carried out in Britain. The men were given sentences of between 20 and 30 years.

The robbers struck in February, 2006, kidnapping Mr Dixon and his family and forcing him at gunpoint to open the depot doors. Once inside, the thieves tied up staff before loading millions in cash into their vans.

Police launched a nationwide manhunt, forcing Allen and Murray to flee the country. The pair were finally arrested in Morocco after four months on the run. Allen was extradited to the UK and went on trial at the Old Bailey in

October, last year. But the jury was unable to reach a verdict and was discharged.

Murray, whose father was Moroccan, claimed nationality to avoid British justice. The five Securitas raiders who are already behind bars are: Stuart John Royle, 49, a car salesman, of Allen Street, Maidstone, who was charged with conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to possess a firearm. He was sentenced to 30 years and must serve a minimum of 15.

Jetmir Bucpapa, 26, of Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, who was charged with conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to possess a firearm. He was sentenced to 30 years and must serve a minimum of 15. The judge also recommended he be deported once his sentence is served.

Lea John Rusha, 35, a roofer, from Lambertsart Close, Tunbridge Wells, who was charged with conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to possess a firearm. Rusha was sentenced to 30 years and must serve a minimum of 15.

Roger Coutts, 30, a garage owner, of The Green, Welling, who was charged with conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to possess a firearm. Coutts was sentenced to 30 years, and must serve a minimum of 15.

Ermir Hysenaj, 28, a post office worker, of New Road, Crowborough, who was charged with conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit robbery, and conspiracy to possess a firearm. He was sentenced to 20 years and must serve a minimum of ten. The judge also recommended he be deported once his sentence is served.

## Bikers killed in horror smash

TWO Medway motorcyclists have been killed in a horrific crash on a touring holiday in Italy.

Colin John Morrish, 63, and Wendy Diane Pointer, 60, both from Rochester, were hit by a lorry as they came out of a tunnel.

Fellow biker Michael John Vercoe, 66, from West Kingsdown, was also killed in the collision.

His wife, Faye, 63, underwent emergency surgery and remains critically ill.

Doctors are said to be confident she will recover from her injuries.

The tragedy happened at Mezzolombardo, Trento, around 300 metres from the tunnel exit.

It is thought the bikers were on the wrong side of the road, as they were unaware the dual carriageway they were travelling on merges into a single lane at the exit of the tunnel.

### Confusing

A police spokesman said: "We are working on the theory that when they left the tunnel they did not realise it was single lane."

The four were with the Motorcycle Touring Club of Europe taking part in an end-of-season meeting in northern Italy that started last week.

Motorists have previously called for the stretch of road leading up to the tunnel to be changed.

Local politician Bruno Firmani said: "We have had complaints from motorists about the tunnel and the road. It is confusing and I had tabled a question with the local road agency about the signposting on that stretch."

The driver of the truck was Albanian. A spokesman for the British consulate in Milan said next of kin had been informed and the authorities were offering assistance.

## Plea to help identify body

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"We also need the help of residents and regular users of the area around Buckland Road, like dog walkers, riders and cyclists. We know the suitcase wasn't there last Sunday, but we need to know when it was left there."

"I would ask anyone who has seen the suitcase since Sunday, or anyone with any information which may help this investigation, no matter how insignificant they think it is, to get in touch with us."

Anyone who regularly uses Buckland Road and may have seen the suitcase is asked to contact police.

Officers also want to hear from anyone who has concerns about someone fitting the description of the woman. They can contact the incident room on 01634 884010 or they call Kent Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## Dickens in spotlight

SIR Derek Jacobi came to Rochester yesterday to launch a Charles Dickens documentary.

The actor was at the High Street Visitor Information Centre to talk about Charles Dickens' England, which will be to be shown on Sky Arts 2, starting Sunday.

## Survivor joins fight and takes plunge

DOUBLE cancer survivor Lesley Harvey will complete a 200ft Pink Plunge charity abseil challenge to raise money for Cancer Research.

The Walderslade mother-of-two, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in September, 2007, and thyroid cancer five months later, will make her way down Miller House in Maidstone on Saturday, October 17.

The 55-year-old KCC worker has already raised £300 in sponsorship for the Join The Fight breast cancer event and is urging other daredevils to take part.

She said: "My experience with cancer has taught me to do it now and not wait about for things in life."

"I have two cousins and two colleagues who within the last year have all had breast cancer. A close friend passed away from breast cancer shortly before I was diagnosed."

"This has to stop and if I can go some way to making it happen, then I will do whatever it takes - including abseiling 200ft for Cancer Research's Join the Fight campaign."

Abseilers will make their way down the Maidstone building throughout the fund-raising day, run by certified and qualified instructors. There are two ropes, so adrenaline



I'M READY: Mrs Harvey will abseil 200ft

junkies can take part in pairs with a friend and everyone is given an allocated time slot.

All participants will receive a fund-raising pack and advice.

To join Mrs Harvey in taking part in the Pink Plunge Maidstone abseil, visit [www.jointhefight.org.uk](http://www.jointhefight.org.uk), e-mail [g.gough@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:g.gough@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07765 896879.

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## Dancing kicks off black history event

MEDWAY'S Black History Month celebrations start on Friday with an evening of hands-on fun and live performances for the whole community.

The event will begin at 6pm with free drop-in taster workshops, including gumboot dancing and African drumming. The celebrations continue at 7.30pm when local and professional musicians and dancers take to the stage.

The free workshops are available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets for the performance cost £2.

## Phil is the man who can't be beaten

FREELANCE translator Phil Fitchett came past blind competitors from across the county to claim the title of Kent's Best Unseen Talent 2009.

The 25-year-old, from Rainham, who has the congenital eye disorder Microphthalmia, stole the show with his version of The Script's Man Who Can't Be Moved. He accompanied this on his 12-string, right-hand guitar which he plays upside down with his left hand.

The competition was organised by Kent Association for the Blind.

## Libraries survey to show way forward

LIBRARY users are being asked what they think of Medway's library service.

Residents will be asked to fill in a questionnaire giving their views on the towns' libraries and the services they would like them to provide.

A Medway Council spokesman said: "It is hoped the survey will reveal what is attractive about libraries, and also what can be done to encourage more use"

## Get nominations in for sports awards

ATHLETES, teams and coaches will be honoured at the Medway Sports Awards.

The awards are held to celebrate the achievements, commitment and dedication of the area's sporting stars, teams and teachers during 2009.

A total of 12 medals are up for grabs this year, including club of the year and the unsung hero award.

To nominate a person or team for an award visit [www.medway.gov.uk/sports-development](http://www.medway.gov.uk/sports-development).

The closing date for entries is Friday.

# Doctors prepare to roll out swine flu jab programme

A NATIONAL swine flu vaccination programme is expected to start in the next month.

Immunisations will be carried out at GP practices as soon as the vaccine is licensed by top health chiefs.

Newborns, pensioners and pregnant women are among the priority 'at risk' patients who will be the first to receive the vaccine.

Medway's director of public health Dr Alison Barnett urged residents who were not registered with a GP to sign up today.

She said: "It is very good news that GP surgeries, which already deliver seasonal flu vaccinations among many others, will deliver the immunisation programme for swine flu.

"Medway GPs achieved the highest rate of uptake for seasonal flu vaccine in Kent, Surrey and Sussex last winter and their expertise is going to help us reach the people who most need to be vaccinated against swine flu.

"Only people who are registered with a GP will be offered immunisation, which will be focused so that

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

protection is offered to those who most need it."

The vaccinations are expected to begin in the autumn, subject to the vaccine being licensed by the European Medicines Agency.

GP surgeries will receive £5.25 per dose of vaccine administered to those in at-risk groups.

The vaccine is expected to reduce the number of people needing hospital treatment.

Dr Barnett added: "We would advise people to prepare for the likely increase in the number of swine flu cases by ensuring they have over-the-counter remedies at home and by identifying a flu friend who can pick up their antivirals and any other supplies should they become ill.

"The best way people can protect themselves is by following good hygiene – always use a tissue to catch your sneezes, throw away used tissues where germs can linger and regularly wash your hands – Catch It, Bin It, Kill It."



## MAXIMISING CHARITY BID

THREE blonde bombshells took part in a 25-mile charity bike ride to raise money for Cerebral Palsy Care.

Sisters Julie and Karen Dockwray and cousin Vicky Wilson donned wigs and bust enhancements for the race around Hoo peninsula.

They finished in just over four hours, and received waves and cheers from pedestrians and a number of honks from supportive motorists. They raised more than £200.

Julie said: "We thought by dressing up we would be able to raise more funds for CPC. It is such a worthy cause and I can't believe they receive no Government funding."

The team was sponsored by Bradley McLoughlin, managing director of Trading 4U on Medway City Estate.

He said "The slogan 'Maximise your Assets' was very appropriate. We sell anything on your behalf and charge only 35% of the sale price."

To find out more about the charity Cerebral Palsy Care visit [www.cpckent.org](http://www.cpckent.org).

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# Footballer dies after hitting head in game

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A KEEN footballer has died after hitting his head against a wall during a five-a-side match.

David Winslow, 26, was fatally injured at the Black Lion Leisure Centre on Tuesday last week – which was just two days before his birthday.

Bystanders administered emergency first aid until emergency services arrived a few minutes later and took over.

Paramedics attempted to resuscitate the footballer for more than an hour, but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

His girlfriend was watching the game from the Gillingham sport centre's viewing gallery and led the tributes to the father-of-one on a social networking site.

Writing of the Facebook 'RIP Dave Winslow' page, Kady Chaffe wrote: "Happy birthday to my darling angel. Gone, but never ever forgotten."

"I love you with all my heart and I always will, I never imagined I'd have to go through this, and still can't believe I'm writing this."

"I still can't believe you're gone, a part of me keeps thinking you'll walk through the door, but I know it won't ever happen."

"It'll take a long, long time for the pain to heal, but I know you'll be with me every step of the way, helping me through."

"Just so sorry I couldn't do anything for you, I thought you might have opened your eyes when I saw you just after it happened, just for me."

## Missed

More than 1,600 Facebook members have joined the tribute page.

Georgina Austen wrote: "R.I.P. This group just shows everything to you up there, you were loved so much and touched the hearts of so many people."

"None of us will forget you."

Christopher Wood added: "Such a shock to hear. You were a good lad Dave, always up for a laugh."

"You'll be missed by everyone who knew you, but all will have a memory with you that will raise a smile. Rest in Peace Dave, you won't be forgotten."

"Our thoughts are with your loved ones."



FATAL INJURY: Footballer David Winslow

Memorial evenings were held in Dave's honour at Jumpin Jaks nightclub, Maidstone, last Wednesday and Amadeus nightclub, Strood, last night.

A commemorative plaque will be placed in the club's VIP lounge.

A Medway Council spokesman said the Health and Safety Executive had been informed of the fatality.

She added: "We would like to send our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the young man who died at the Black Lion Leisure Centre."

"Everyone at the centre is devastated by what happened."

"We can confirm that he fell and hit his head during the match."

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### Tealight starts flat blaze

A TEALIGHT sparked a bedroom blaze at a Strood property, forcing a woman to flee.

The fire broke out in a ground floor flat in Woodstock Road at 12.50pm last Wednesday after the flame from the candle spread to curtains and bedding.

Strood Fire Station manager Liam Hudson said: "The tealight had been placed on a bedside cabinet and set fire to the curtains and bedding."

"There was no working smoke alarm in the flat, but fortunately the lady was awake and managed to escape and call us."

"However, if she'd fallen asleep then we could easily have been dealing with a fatality so she's had a very lucky escape."

The bedding and curtains were burnt in the fire and the whole flat was badly damaged by smoke.

Firefighters fitted a smoke alarm before leaving the home.

### Invitation to musicians

TALENTED musicians are invited to join the City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

The recruitment drive followed the appointment of Peter Bassano from the Royal College of Music as chief conductor.

Mr Bassano's first performance will include Elgar's First Symphony, Walton's Violin Concerto and Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. Rehearsals are at 7.45pm on Mondays. Musicians are asked to call 01634 841567 for further information.

The next concert is in the Central Theatre on November 21. Call 01634 338338 to book.

### Hotel plan for riverside

A LUXURY hotel is set to be built in Gillingham after a developer bought a riverside plot for an undisclosed sum.

The proposed Ibis hotel will consist of more than 120 bedrooms. It will stand off Pier Road, at the entrance to Berkeley First's Victory Pier flagship redevelopment scheme, which will include 800 private homes, 600 student residences, restaurants, bars, a supermarket, gym, crèche and offices.

The hotel will be built by Geminex Hotels & Leisure. The firm's spokesman Jas Dhooop said: "We aim to start the hotel development early next year."

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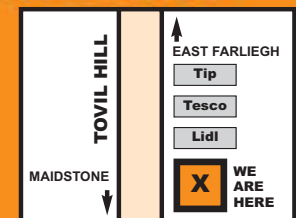
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## Film tells story of sunken 'bomb' ship

FILM-maker Colin Harvey has made a DVD of the story of the wartime ship SS Richard Montgomery, which is still lying on the seabed off the coast of Sheppey with its cargo of lethal explosives.

The American liberty ship, which was used to carry cargo during the war, was wrecked in 1944, and sunk with about 1,500 tonnes of explosives on board. Opinion is divided as to the condition of the explosives and the risk they present to the surrounding area.

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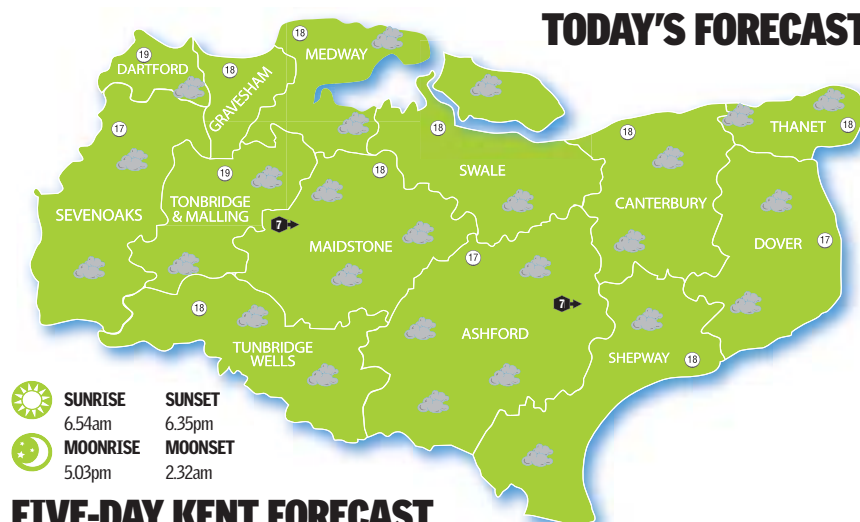
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Chatham	Saturday	1:03pm	5.8m
	Sunday	1:35pm	6.0m
Dover	Saturday	11:18am	6.4m
	Sunday	11:46am	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:22am	7.4m
	Sunday	11:54am	7.7m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:48am	4.9m
	Sunday	12:16pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:52pm	5.6m
	Sunday	1:25pm	5.7m
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Athens	23°C	New York	18°C
Barcelona	24°C	Paris	21°C
Beijing	24°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	20°C
Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	17°C	Tokyo	26°C
Gibraltar	23°C	Vancouver	14°C
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Chatham	18°C	18°C	16°C	16°C	17°C	Ramsgate	18°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	17°C
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Dover	17°C	17°C	15°C	15°C	17°C	Sevenoaks	17°C	17°C	15°C	15°C	15°C
Faversham	18°C	18°C	16°C	16°C	17°C	Sittingbourne	18°C	18°C	16°C	16°C	17°C
Folkestone	17°C	17°C	15°C	15°C	17°C	Tonbridge	19°C	18°C	16°C	15°C	15°C
Gillingham	18°C	18°C	16°C	16°C	17°C	Tun Wells	19°C	18°C	16°C	15°C	15°C

**GUIDES:** Visitors will be led around the dockyard

## Take a spooky tour of historic dockyard

SPINE-tingling ghost walks will be held at Chatham Historic Dockyard from next month. Lamp-wielding guides will lead visitors around the most haunted historic buildings at the former naval base from next Wednesday.

A regular junior ghost walk, aimed at paranormal fans under the age of 16, will also be held once a month, taking place on a Friday evening.

The adult tours will last an hour-and-a-half, twice the length of the junior tour.

Dockyard bosses have also arranged two Halloween specials on Saturday, October 31.

The junior tour – for youngsters aged eight and over – costs £7.50 per person. The adult event costs £10 per person.

A dockyard spokesman said: "This year's Halloween walks take visitors on a journey through time with stories from the past being told as they are led through reputedly haunted buildings."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

# KAROL STEELE



**How did you first get involved in acting?**

**A** My son has always been interested in acting and when the Blackfish Academy opened up in Dover in 2005 I went down with him and they started auditioning for Hood, the first musical they put on.

The co-director came out and said "we need some older women" and pointed at me. I went in, said my piece and ended up getting a principal role.

I thought I was really going to crack up because it was the first time I'd been on stage since I was at school but on the opening night there were no nerves, nothing, it was a wonderful feeling.

**Q** So how did it all move on from there?

**A**I stayed with the Blackfish Academy for a year and did their second production.

Then I saw an advert in the newspaper for actors to take part in the *Other Boleyn Girl* so I went for the audition and got a phone call asking me to go for a costume fitting the next day.

I went up and was quite disappointed to find I was only going to be a peasant girl for one day, but fortunately the girl who was supposed to be a Seymour noble woman couldn't fit her dress and the costume mistress came out and asked me to come in, so I ended up with ten days work.

**Q** You also featured in the summer flick *Wild Child* with Aidan Quinn and Julia Roberts' niece Emma Roberts. How did you get involved in that?

**A** The agency I was with at the time was contracted to find extras for the film so I got in that way. They sent off my picture and CV, and the costume lady who was on the *Other Boleyn Girl* said I was good and reliable.

**Q** What role did you play in the film?

**A** I had a more principal role as a teacher and filming took seven days. Unfortunately, when I went to the premiere I found my big scene had been cut, but I can still be seen in the long shots and in the school assembly.

**Does that happen quite a lot in films?**

**A** Yes, in the *Other Boleyn Girl* many people I spoke to found that scenes they were in had been cut.

**Q** How was it working with so many famous people?

**A** Emma Roberts is so sweet. Seeing her running around with all the British actresses, messing about, I thought it was wonderful.

Aidan Quinn was lovely – he said he was doing the film for the money and once he'd been paid he was taking his family on holiday.

The late Natasha Richardson was lovely and I

had the surprise of my life one day during filming when I was getting a coffee and this deep, Irish voice said, "That coffee smells lovely" – I turned around and it was her husband Liam Neeson.

**Q** Did you get used to seeing famous people wondering around?

**A** Yes, it just becomes so ordinary. Everybody just sits around chatting away or reading magazines. Compared to the Other Boleyn Girl, when they hustled all the stars away, on Wild Child everyone was mixed up together.

**Q** Moving on to your last film, *Washed Up*, can you tell us a little bit about it?

**A** It's been commissioned by the EU to promote intercultural unity. It's a short film and it's going to be put into the Berlin Film Festival and hopefully some festivals over here. There were 12 actors and it was a really good role to get hold of because everybody is highly featured. Most of the people we were working with were from the BBC so with any luck you'll be able to see it on BBC 4.

**Q** What do you see for the future?

**A** I hope to stick with acting. It gets more and more exciting with everything I do. I'd like to be like Margaret Rutherford – she started later in life. I have some auditions with acting agencies coming up so with any luck I'll start doing some speaking roles.

The up-and-coming actress from Kent spoke to **Marijke Cox** about launching her career later in life and her work so far in films set in the county, including *Other Boleyn Girl*, *Wild Child* and *Washed Up*



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# Former addict has turned his life around and is helping others trapped by drugs 'If I can keep one person out of prison, it will be worth it'

Drug addiction's link to crimes committed to pay for the habit is well known. Darren Dilloway has served time in prison for drug offences but now works with the police and drug agencies to help people trapped by addiction. As part of our A Safer Kent campaign, taking a behind the scenes look at the work of Kent Police, **TOM BETTS** meets a man who has been on both sides of the system



**TURNING** your life around when you are fighting a £100-a-day drug habit is no easy task, but Darren Dilloway is living proof that it can be done.

At the peak of his addiction, Darren was living in a nightmare, flitting between prison and hostels, with a spate of convictions, heroin overdoses and near-death experiences under his belt.

He was losing the battle and thinks would be dead by now if he hadn't finally decided to try and escape and salvage something from life. He said: "At one point I would honestly rather have been in prison than free. You get three meals a day, have no bills to pay and are looked after in way."

Darren, 34, grew up in the Medway towns of Gillingham and Chatham and found himself in trouble with the police in his early teens.

He dabbled with drugs such as cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine and LSD, before an addiction to speed got the better of him and he started stealing to pay for his habit.

Skipping school, unemployment, hanging around aimlessly and car crime became the norm and he soon found himself inside, where he first took heroin.

"Many people start to do it when they go inside as a 'bird-killer', to pass the time quicker, and when I got out I realised I was addicted," he said.

Years of addiction followed, with crack joining heroin on his daily wish list.

He said: "All that interested me each day was getting money to buy drugs, taking drugs and everything that went with it. I knew the risks but still I'd have tried anything. I was stuck in a vicious circle."

Talking about his crimes, he said: "The worst thing I've done is street robberies and burglaries."

"At one point I wouldn't think anything of breaking into four or five houses a day at the peak of my addiction. It didn't occur to me that there were victims, you don't really think like that."

However, after he last came out of prison, for a garage robbery, Darren decided he had to make a change.



**DARREN DILLOWAY:** 'I was stuck in a vicious circle'

He said: "It had got to the point where I was sick of it. I decided I could beat it but even now it's an ongoing thing. I know that I could walk out of here and have the drugs I wanted in my

hand in an hour, it's that easy. I have to take each day as it comes."

Making the break with his old life and many old friends and acquaintances was part of the process. "I have had to take myself away from my old life, and isolate myself from a lot of people," he said.

Darren has been clean for 18 months and has carved himself a new life. He has successfully completed a rehabilitation requirement and day programme and is facing the future with a renewed sense of hope.

Now he is volunteering and helping others with their drug problems and has managed to get himself a flat in Gillingham to start a new life.

## Support

Eventually he hopes to get a job as a drug support worker, helping young people understand what a life as a drug addict can be like.

He said: "I want my story to be out there as it can show people they can turn their lives around."

"It's hard and you have to be ready and stable in life, but it is possible. If I can keep one person out of prison it will have been worth it."

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, who is in charge of the Medway area for Kent Police, arrested Darren when he was causing trouble and has seen him start to turn his life around.

"I am delighted Darren is helping stop others turning to crime," said Chief Supt Corbishley.

"He can talk to offenders and potential offenders in language they understand, and get across the message that crime really does not pay."

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# SmartWater will trap flytippers

■ BY ANNA WHITE

KENT has become the first county in the UK to use a hi-tech forensic marker spray to catch and deter flytippers.

SmartWater is a permanent and invisible marking tool that is mainly used to protect property, but Clean Kent has now become the first agency to use the tool in this innovative way.

The Clean Kent campaign is a multi-agency project led by Kent County Council in partnership with district and borough councils, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Highways Agency and the Environmental Agency.

With help from former BBC TV Watchdog presenter Nicky Campbell, who now presents the breakfast show on Radio 5, the agencies demonstrated at Maidstone Studios how SmartWater will play a crucial part in the ongoing campaign to crack down on flytipping in Kent.

Residents will be able to spray SmartWater on household waste before it is disposed of. If it is then found illegally dumped, officers can detect SmartWater using ultraviolet light and trace it back to the trader responsible.

The invisible coding spray will remain on any object permanently, even if it is burnt, making it possible to trace the waste back to



**SMART MOVE:** (From left) Clean Kent co-ordinator Melanie Price, Nicky Campbell, Kent Fire and Rescue Service assistant director of community safety Steve Griffiths, and SmartWater chief executive Phil Cleary

flytippers trying to cover their tracks.

Clean Kent co-ordinator at KCC, Melanie Price, said: "SmartWater has been used throughout the country, and globally, to mark property, but we have been innovative enough to come up with this unique way of using it to deter flytipping."

"Because it is invisible there is no way a trader could know if they are dumping unmarked waste illegally or marked waste. We are hoping the risk will deter them and reduce flytipping in Kent."

SmartWater chief executive Phil Cleary, whose brother invented the product, said: "The



**BRIGHT IDEA:** SmartWater shows up under UV light

use of SmartWater will help reinforce the message to criminals that Kent is now a no-go zone for flytippers. Through SmartWater, Clean Kent will have the technology to pursue convictions and will actively do so.

"SmartWater maintains a 100 per cent conviction rate when used as evidence in court, which will send a strong message to anyone considering flytipping."

The scheme is being piloted in the Swale and Sevenoaks areas first, before it is rolled out to the rest of Kent.

People found guilty of fly-tipping can face prison sentences of up to five years or a maximum fine of £50,000.

## Railway offer 'staycationers' ride to rescue

TOURISM bosses have revealed a 14 per cent increase in the number of visitors to the Garden of England so far this year.

Visit Kent said families had been flocking to attractions such as Leeds Castle and Howletts and Port Lympne wild animal parks after a summer promotion in conjunction with train company Southeastern.

Figures from the tourism partnership show that 2,534,491 visitors came to Kent between January and July this year, compared with 2,227,083 in 2008.

The 2FOR1 promotion, which is continuing until March 2010, is available at more than 70 attractions, hotels and restaurants across Kent. Visitors have to present a valid rail ticket from anywhere in Southeastern's network along with a voucher downloaded from the campaign's website or from promotional brochures at railway stations.

More than 3,000 vouchers have been downloaded and it is hoped at least 5,000 will be redeemed before the end of the promotion.

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive

of Visit Kent, said: "People are looking for value for money and a good deal and this offer represents that. They are top attractions in Kent – restaurants, hotels, places to visit – so it's a very compelling offer. We are convinced this campaign has made a contribution to the positive picture."

The top three downloads include Leeds Castle, Howletts and Port Lympne and Dover Castle. For more information and a full list of the attractions and destinations included in the offer, go to [www.visitkentbytrain.co.uk](http://www.visitkentbytrain.co.uk).



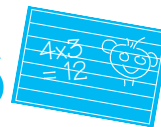
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## BREAK TIME

### High and mighty in skipping challenge

JUMP to it! Children from 11 schools have permission to skip classes next week as part of a fitness challenge.

They will compete in the second Medway Healthy Schools skipping contest at the multi-million-pound Medway Park complex, formerly the Black Lion leisure centre, in Gillingham.

Entrants will have to skip for two minutes during each challenge, with the numbers whittled down until there is just one pupil remaining. The event is part of Medway Council's campaign to encourage children to keep fit and active.

Medway was the first authority in the country to pilot the Skip2Bfit scheme in schools and manager Zoe Barkham hopes the challenge will encourage more schools to get involved.

She said: "Skipping is often seen as a girls' activity, so it's encouraging to see more boys taking part this year."

The schools taking part on Tuesday next week are: Kingfisher Primary; St Peter's Infant; St John's Infant; Byron Primary; Horsted Infant; Napier Community Primary; Featherby Junior; New Road Primary; Bligh Infant; Sherwin Knight Junior; and Saxon Way Primary.



# Getting carried away over car-pool website

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ECOLOGY-conscious students are hoping to drive down air pollution with the launch of a new car-sharing website.

The private car-pooling 5HARE site is open to students and staff at five universities and colleges across Medway.

The easy-to-use site, designed by University for the Creative Arts at Rochester branding and marketing students Emily Foster and Phil Fox, makes car-sharing simple.

Users key in their specific travel requirements and specify whether they are drivers or passengers looking to find a lift.

The computer software then looks for matching travel partners and puts them in touch with other potential car sharers.

It is hoped learners will log on and post offers of lifts to their peers, helping reduce CO2 emissions and easing congestion.

A joint statement prepared by all five universities involved in 5HARE reads: "We are excited to be working together to promote greener transport and reduce congestion and CO2 emissions in Kent and Medway."

"Car sharing is a great way to bring communities closer and reduce the number of cars on the road. We look forward to staff and students signing up and making the scheme a success."

The car-sharing scheme was developed by Liftshare which currently operates 85 per cent of the UK's car pools.

They provide services for clients including the BBC, Tesco, Virgin and the Environment



**NEED A LIFT?** Website designers Emily Foster and Phil Fox during the 5HARE launch at Chatham Maritime

Agency. The company estimates that along with reducing carbon footprints, car-sharers can save up to £1,000 a year on commuting costs.

The Liftshare website explains the attraction of the service: "If half of UK motorists received a lift one day a week to work, traffic would be reduced by ten per cent and pollution

and congestion would be reduced by considerably more."

5HARE is open to staff and students at Canterbury Christ Church University, MidKent College, UCA, the University of Greenwich and the University of Kent.

To find out more about the scheme, visit: [www.5hare.liftshare.com](http://www.5hare.liftshare.com).

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Gary Wright asks why waste time considering a law that will always blame drivers in collisions with bicycles?



## Surely cyclists are the worst example of green arrogance

THE cyclist may just be the best example yet of that self-righteous arrogance that has spoiled Britain over the past 20 years.

I tended to believe that the militant anti-smoker represented all that was worst about this country.

And be clear here, I mean the irritating, supercilious ANTI-smoker as opposed to the far less dangerous NON-smoker, who accepts that people have different ways to live their lives and that compromise is one of the best attributes a person can possess.

That holier-than-thou mentality runs so deep in these people that I have discovered over the years that the ANTI-smoker normally has a string of other unreasonable intolerances that mean he, or she, is not a person with whom I will choose to spend my free time.

They represent the worst of PC Britain and those people like fundamental Christians (well fundamental anyone really) who simply

believe they are right because it's too difficult to reconsider or admit you're wrong (anyone who took huge, spiteful delight in the law against smoking in public places).

But the militant bicyclist has come up on the outside and is now proving to be the most dangerous green Nazi in existence.

We have spent millions of pounds in local taxes and Lotto grants to build them a network of cycle paths across our fair isle.

But that's not good enough. Now Cycling England – an agency we fund through the Transport Department – wants the civil law to be changed so that drivers are automatically liable in the event of a crash. No matter who is at fault.

So the Lycra Louts – who ride like they own the road, ignoring traffic lights and using the pavement when it suits them, especially in big cities – will have even less reason to be careful.

They'll be secure in the knowledge that when they do smash head-on into a truck as they go the wrong way down a one-way street (which is another change in the law being con-

sidered), while they are recovering in hospital, at my expense, they will also know that compensation will be on its way from Mr Truck driver who is automatically to blame.

Surely this is madness.

Cyclists are at best a bunch of well-meaning folk who think that a mode of transport invented in the 19th century has a place on our busy 21st century roads. Incorrect.

At worst they are hoodlums who disregard the Highway Code believing they have the moral high ground because they are not polluting our planet.

Witness the ridiculous anger they've shown over Boris Johnson's sensible plan to open bus lanes to commuters on scooters and motorcycles. Absolute common sense and yet they have protested with an anger not seen since the last anti-foxhunt protest outside Parliament.

When cyclists start paying road tax (or VED for the picky) and have to pay insurance, then they deserve a voice, until then, ignore them and tell them to use the cycle lanes we have built for them.

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## TALK TIME

### ANDY CADIER

The former pirate radio DJ talks about how his career as a chef in the RAF led to an experience that would change his career forever.



#### Tell us about yourself.

I was born during the war in October 1943 at Gravesend. After an spectacular schooling at 16 I joined the catering unit of the RAF and became an apprentice chef.

I worked at various military bases including two and a half years in Cyprus. It was while there that I helped produce some sponsored fundraising sketches which were broadcasts by the British Forces Broadcasting Service, to raise money for the Wireless for the Blind Fund. Having visited the BFBS studio and been very impressed.

I came back to the UK in 1965 and heard Radio Caroline and Radio London, known as Big L and thought I would just love to be on something like that. Anyway I took a gamble and purchased my discharge from the RAF. Luck was on my side as I heard some test transmissions being made by Radio Essex from a small fort-based pirate coming from the Thames and sent them a tape, which they liked.

#### What do you think was the most enjoyable or interesting aspect of what you did then?

I certainly enjoyed the music - what a way to earn a living - but it was the communication aspect which gave me the biggest buzz. We used to get letters from all over the place and from all kinds of people. It's hard to explain now, with radio stations all over the dial, how people so much appreciated what we were doing.

#### What was the highlight of your career?

I suppose it was on August 14, 1967, when I arrived on the MV Caroline, the very ship I had heard broadcasting back in 1965. It was an experience beyond my wildest dreams.

## YOUR LETTERS

### What can be done about party politics?

It is with sadness and resignation that I read local and national newspaper political columns and letter pages, with party representatives content to attack their opponents rather than writing to hammer out fair and sensible policies.

There is no doubt Labour is going to lose the next general election and the Conservatives will gain power, but are we enthusiastic about the prospect and will we be any better off?

The present political system means that candidates for office are financially and in terms of manpower reliant on their party so that most MPs are obliged and even content to toe the party line, even when it is demonstrably misguided or wrong.

Those brave souls like Frank Field, Gwyneth Dunwoody, when she was alive, and Vince Cable who are prepared to speak out, are sidelined, overlooked or even victimised.

Our present constituency MP, Robert Marshall-Andrews, with whose views I do not always agree, has often stuck his head above the parapet and cast his vote where his conscience directs him. I suspect our next MP, of whatever persuasion, will be lobby fodder.

The solution, of course, is more independent MPs of no fixed persuasion (not celebrities who can finance themselves). But how can they compete when they are obliged to raise a hefty deposit to stand and have little canvassing



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power or access to the media?

Local representation is similarly flawed. Our present Medway Council is prepared to close good neighbourhood schools to save money and also build a new bus station in Chatham when it

would be cheaper, more practical and more environmentally friendly to bring the present one up to scratch.

And what a poor place is Chatham with shops standing empty, ghastly public conven-

iences and queues of taxis swamping the Pentagon vying for too few customers.

Do we honestly think matters will improve with a Government of similar views on services and priorities?

I'm sure many people are like me and would love to support enthusiastic and non-partisan local and national candidates for political offices, but how can they compete with the party hacks?

I hope someone out there can give me an answer.

Mrs Pat Scott,  
Rochester, by letter



## Save energy, dump the wasteful groups

The BBC is like Woolworths, it is forgettable in large parts.

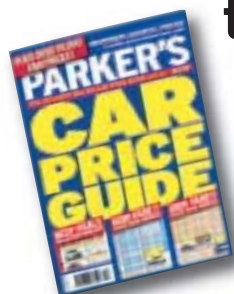
Like other aged institutions it has lost touch with reality, cushioned as it is by public finance.

Woolworths was missed for sentimental reasons but replaced in many places by popular 99p shops. Customers of discounters have to be discerning, but generally most benefit from 99p stores, whereas Woolworths stock failed to excite.

The whole government paraphernalia, including the BBC, fails to contribute to the nation in today's harsh climate; they must give back when our need is greater than theirs. Dr Hazel

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Dawe, chair of Kent Green Party, makes valid points, (better, cheaper train services are required) which may not be Jeremy Clarkson's supporters' views or those who see no value in alternative energy.

The Liberal Democrat Blogger in last week's paper says everyone needs to reduce energy consumption. We should boycott major polluters. Why trade with China and others who will not do their bit?

At home lets simplify life and get rid of Affluenza, the disease contaminating our society that makes us spend on what we do not need.

The category to dispose of first is those double-standard preachers, press offices of government and local government, the Audit Commission and National Audit Office.

Rita Grootendorst, affordable living campaigner from Sidcup, by email.

## I'd be bowled over by your sport memories

I am about to start work on a book about the club cricket scene in Medway in the 1960s and would be very interested to hear from anyone who either played, umpired, scored or watched during that period.

The book will focus primarily on the exploits of All Saints Cricket

Club and include scorecards, match reports and, more importantly, anecdotes and stories from the people involved with the club at the time.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who played for one of the clubs with whom All Saints regularly did battle over the years, such as Boat House, Clarion, Crusaders, EEM, Rochagas, Medway Electricity and Chatham Suburban, and I'm sure there are others. I would also welcome any recollections of the old grounds at the Civil Service Sports Club and Langton playing fields.

I can be contacted on 01634 579277 or at tonyquarrington@msn.com.

Tony Quarrington, Gillingham, by email

## I'd rather remain glum and miserable

Many months ago I read an article on the lady outside Rochester Station who was cheerful, chatty etc etc. I agreed.

Now it occurs to me that being told to smile when you are facing redundancy or diagnosed with something awful and then being pressurised to smile is not great.

While it is lovely to have someone cheerful at all times could she tone

it down for people who have nothing to smile about please?

Let those who have something to smile about smile and those who do not let them wallow!

Cathy Handy, by email

## Awards highlight the efforts of our young

I had the privilege of attending the County Final of the Tryangle Awards this past weekend.

The event brings together winners from across the county to highlight some of the inspirational examples of young people.

There were many fine examples, but I was very proud to see Medway represented by Ellis Foreshaw and Rennick Graham, who together formed Clown Ice Productions, using music to voice their message against knife and gun crime at such events as Love Music Hate Racism.

All too often negative stereotypes of "hoodies" are seen in the media. It is important to remember this is a tiny percentage of young people.

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A local women's art group recently contacted Raja Miah, the owner, asking if they could brighten up the side of the building with a colourful mural.

It has become a very popular addition to the local landscape; at the opening 100 people turned up to add their applause.

This is just one reason why the eatery is such a major part of the community and has been since it opened in 2001.

The restaurant is also now taking bookings for Christmas events.

It has won many awards including recognition by the Cobra Good Curry Guide.

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The restaurant can cater for families with high chairs available on request for very young children. Birthdays, office and Christmas parties and stag and hen dos are also catered for.



There is a banquet night held every Tuesday where customers can choose any items on the menu for a set price.

Customers can order over the telephone for a takeaway and collect their orders within 15-20 minutes. A ten per cent discount is offered on orders over £10.

The restaurant is open for lunch from noon until 2.30pm and for dinner from 5.30pm until 11.30pm, although it closes at 10pm on Sundays.

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Now in its 17th year, the festival offers a busy programme of concerts, workshops, dance displays and fairs which are sure to keep folk fans of all ages entertained.

The public events get under way on Friday night with an English barn dance in the Moulton Hall, with music from Geckoes, pictured below inset, and the festival continues with

a tempting array of activities and entertainment.

Visitors can even enjoy performances on the move as dance sides, musicians and singers visit the Kent & East Sussex Railway.

This year's highlights include two special shows featuring regional folk songs and music.

The music of Kent is celebrated on Saturday in Oyster Girls and Hovelling Boys, which features performances by local musicians such as Brian Peters, main picture below, Marian Button, Pete Castle, Bob Kenward and Roger Resch, Dave Mason, The Millen Family and Andy

Turner. The show is named after a recently released CD, the third volume in a series of albums of songs from the county.

During the show, the audience will hear unaccompanied ballads, songs sung with a guitar or accordion accompaniment, a Kentish poem and tunes on the concertina.

Although many of the acts are well-known names on the local folk scene, the audience will also meet Dave Mason, a young poet from Tenterden who wrote The Kentish Woman's Way. There will also be a performance by Bethersden farming clan The Millen Family, who still cherish a long-standing singing tradition.

At the end of the show, which takes place in the Saddlery at the side of the White Lion at 6pm, all the artists will join in a rendition of The Whitstable May Song.

The second special concert will be held in the Evans Bar of the Tenterden Club at 1.30pm on Sunday, when Wiltshire songs will be performed in Sing the Year Round.

Tinkers Bag will be providing the entertainment, singing the songs that have been enjoyed at concerts and folk clubs in Wiltshire and beyond.

With their vast array of instruments, from melodeons and bouzouki to kazoo and the shaky egg, the group of friends draw on their established repertoire and also present some brand new songs.

These are just a few of the numerous concerts and events on offer, so pick up a programme or visit the website at [www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk](http://www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk) to browse the full festival listings.

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Opening the evening is Sam Avery, an aspiring rock star who almost achieved his dream after being signed to a record label at the age of just 17. His music career sadly flagged, but Avery found his way back to the stage by making people laugh instead.

From cruising in the Med to entertaining the Armed Forces in Afghanistan and Iraq, headliner Phil Butler (pictured) has taken his gags all over the world. He appeared on the Des O'Connor Show, BBC3's Funny Business and BBC1's Hotel Babylon.

The show, which is suitable for over-18s, starts at 7.30pm and there will be a joke competition with prizes. Tickets cost £21.95 including a two-course meal and a disco until 1am. Comedy Club guests are invited to stay overnight at the hotel for a special rate of



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To book call 01634 201333 or visit [www.hahaheehee.com](http://www.hahaheehee.com).

## DES O'CONNOR

Sunday, October 4  
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AS one of the world's most successful entertainers, Des O'Connor is a true star of the showbiz world.

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His contribution to entertainment was recognised at the National TV Awards in 2001, when he received the Special Recognition Award. In recent years he became a daytime favourite on the award-winning chat show Today With Des and Mel, hosted two Des O'Connor Tonight specials and sat in the famous host's chair on Countdown.

Expect an evening of comedy and music as this much-loved entertainer shares his talent and show business experiences with his fans.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £22.50/£20.50. To book call the box office on 01322 220000 or go online at [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).

## THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE



Monday, October 5 to  
Wednesday, October 7  
Central Theatre, Chatham

DARK comedy, melodrama and tragedy combine in the multi-award-winning play, The Beauty Queen of Leenane.

Set in the Irish backwaters of County Galway, Martin McDonagh's highly acclaimed story introduces us to Maureen, a plain 40-year-old whose lonely existence revolves around caring for her manipulative, elderly mother, Mag.

When two men visit their cottage, bringing with them Maureen's first and last chance of a loving relationship, Mag does her best to spoil her daughter's prospects.



But her interference sets in motion a chain of events that will lead to a terrifying finale.

The Beauty Queen of Leenane was first performed in 1996, as a Druid Theatre and Royal Court Theatre co-production, and soon attracted a host of accolades. McDonagh won the Evening Standard Award for Most Promising Playwright before

seeing the play transfer to Broadway, where it was nominated for six Tony Awards.

The play contains strong language and the recommended lower age limit is 14. Tickets cost £16/£14 or £9 when booking three plays in a season. Book online at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking) or call the box office on 01634 338338.

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## US band set to make odd name for themselves in UK



**NAME OF THE GAME:** LA-based rock band Upsilon Acrux will be playing with Honey Ride Me a Goat and The Laze at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, as part of the European tour

■ BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

**UNWRITTEN** rule of rock number 117; all instrumental bands must have an absurdly obscure name.

Notable non-lyric outfits include Ozric Tentacles, Mogwai – who took their moniker from the Cantonese for ghost or devil – and more recently 65daysofstatic.

Continuing the trend are Los Angeles rockers Upsilon Acrux, who play at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, tomorrow night.

The avant-garde five-piece's Kent gig will also be their first in the UK and comes halfway through their debut European tour.

With the band rumoured to make this their first and last tour outside the US, a

### TAP 'N' TIN LINE-UP

Upsilon Acrux, The Laze and Honey Ride Me a Goat

spokesman for promoter Kitchen Dweller Records urged post-punk fans to grab the opportunity to see them live.

He said: "They are one of the most creative and original of the great post-punk, avant-garde rock bands today and are regulars of the now legendary Smell venue in LA.

### Legendary

"They've just released their sixth album of explosive, intense and beautiful instrumental rock on the Cuneiform record label.

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mising sound and intense live shows with such acts as The Boredoms, Mission of Burma, The Locust, Don Caballero, Dillinger Escape Plan, Hella and Lightning Bolt.

"Don't miss this rare opportunity to see one of Upsilon Acrux's legendary live performances in the UK."

Support on the night comes from established Kent instrumentalists Honey Ride Me a Goat and Merseyside-based rockers The Laze.

A special commemorative split vinyl record, featuring Upsilon Acrux and Honey Ride Me a Goat, containing new material from both bands will be available on the night.

The first five people who send an email to mail@kitchendweller.com will also receive free tickets to the show.

Doors open at 8pm, with the first band set to take to the stage an hour later. Entry costs £3.

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*Sylvie and the Songman* is published by Corgi Children's and priced at £6.99.

**Ozzy Osbourne will be rocking Bluewater**

THE Prince of Darkness visits Bluewater this weekend to sign copies of his new autobiography, *I Am Ozzy*.

An unmistakable rock star and television personality, Ozzy Osbourne has lived an extraordinary life and his story should make remarkable reading. He will be making an appearance at Waterstone's at 1pm on Saturday.

*I Am Ozzy*, priced at £20, is published by Sphere on tomorrow. For more details about the event call 01322 624831.

**Wine master class will be a grape evening**

WINE enthusiasts can enjoy some top tipples at a sparkling wine master class in Tunbridge Wells.

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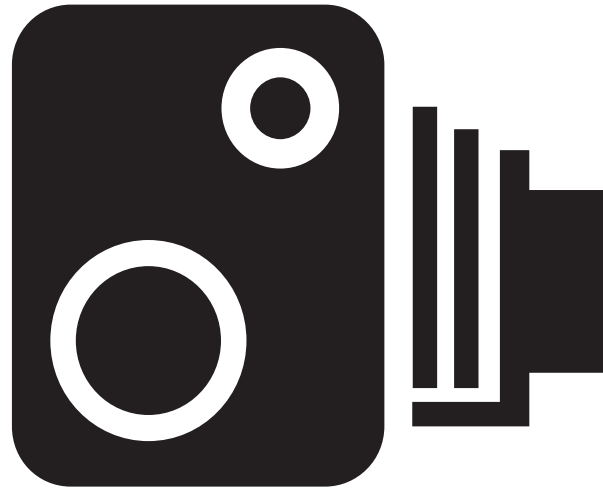
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# The humble origin of a highly evolved career

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

PAUL Bettany has been wowing theatre-goers and independent movie fans for years, but it took his buttock-baring turn as Chaucer in *A Knight's Tale* for Hollywood big-wigs to sit up and take notice.

He now cites roles in *The Da Vinci Code* and Oscar-winning movies *A Beautiful Mind*, where he met his wife Jennifer Connelly, and *Master And Commander* among his impressive resume. But his latest role has proved his most daunting yet.

In *Creation*, Bettany plays the revolutionary scientist Charles Darwin, author of arguably the most explosive book in history, *On the Origin of Species*.

Published 150 years ago, the book was a culmination of more than 20 years of research inspired by his travels as a young man.

In the work, he revealed a scientific explanation for the diversity of species, including the evolution of man, and forever changed the way we view our place in the world.

*Creation* is based upon Annie's Box, a book written by Darwin's great-great grandson, Randal Keynes.

In it, we see Darwin as a young and vibrant family man – albeit one whose mental and physical health gradually buckles under the weight of guilt and grief for a lost child, his beloved ten-year-old daughter, Annie.

A man torn between his love for his deeply religious wife and his own growing belief in a world where God has no place, Darwin even wrote that by effectively 'killing' God he felt like he was "confessing a murder".

So there's much to talk about as I prepare to interview the 38-year-old actor. Opening a



**GHOST:** Paul Bettany shadowed Charles Darwin's actual footsteps during the filming at Down House

door, I step into a grand but dimly-lit room. There is shelf upon shelf of books but no sign of Mr Bettany, so I take a seat and only then do I notice the soles of two feet hanging off the end of a line of chairs.

"Um... Paul," the PR says gently and a rather tired looking Bettany pops his head up.

It turns out Bettany is feeling rather poorly but, ever the professional, he takes his seat under the spotlight and ploughs on.

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His blue eyes may look slightly glassy but even in this exhausted state, Bettany still makes a striking figure. Tall and slim, his hair shaved for a film role but it only maximises his razor-sharp cheekbones.

"Darwin's a bit of a hero of mine. I think he was an extraordinarily brave human being," he says in quiet but well-spoken words. "I like the idea of a person who is a social conservative having this revolutionary idea."

He felt particularly close to his character while filming at Darwin's actual home, Down House in Kent: "It was beautiful. I am not particularly sentimental but I was really moved. I found it extraordinary to walk that walk where a great deal of his thinking was done. You felt a bit like a ghost for a second."

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# No time to sleep when in Seattle

■ BY TOM MORGAN

SEATTLE, it is said, is a city where salmon swim upstream in the middle of town and bald eagles share the sky with aeroplanes.

Our whistle-stop tour of the entire state began in the city, whose defining landmark – despite the tourist information pack's vision of spawning fish and rare birds of prey – is probably the Space Needle building, which dwarfs all that it surrounds.

However, it's the 100-year-old Pike Place Market, a bustling food centre near the city's harbour, that gives the region its lifeblood.

Bustling food stalls are often the most photogenic of settings, but this one is an assault on the senses, with vivid colours, eardrum-bursting shrieks from market traders and smells that linger across the city. From elite restaurants frequented by Hollywood star Robin Williams to market stalls lined with bargains, it is a veritable feast for even the most demanding foodie.

Even when you leave the city, you needn't look far for your next bite. Surrounded by a fishing harbour and vast fertile countryside within an hour's drive, it is not hard to see how Pike Place became a success.

Located in the Pacific Northwest, Seattle is surrounded on all sides by the windswept waters of Puget Sound.

Touring could not be easier, with boat cruises, open-top buses and monorails among the options. A favourite, if somewhat indulgent, choice is a short sightseeing flight with Kenmore Air ([www.kenmoreair.com](http://www.kenmoreair.com)).

The trip takes you across the surprisingly Metropolis-like city towards the sprawling millionaire waterfront pads, including Bill Gates' extravagant home.



**STUNNING VIEW:** From the sprawl of the city to countryside explorations, there's lots to keep you busy in Seattle

And tourists who can tear themselves away from the city are also in for a pleasant surprise. Washington State, blessed with spectacular natural assets, has added to its lure by offering an enticing combination of fine local wine and produce.

We travelled to the town of Spokane on a short internal flight and stayed in the welcoming boutique setting of Hotel Lusso. After an artery-busting breakfast on a train carriage at Frank's Diner, our escape to the countryside was welcome.

Talk to anyone in rural Washington, and they are likely to bend your ear about wine.

The region struggles to compete commercially with California, but locals are tremendously proud of their vineyards, which have nearly

doubled in size in the past five years.

Tasting trips can take you to Richland and Walla Walla, where you will drink more than enough to make you an overnight connoisseur.

After the fine wines and fresh local produce, including spectacular cheeses, you will be more than ready for a little exercise.

Our solution was to take to the water in kayaks. The instructor from Spokane's Parks and Recreation (tel: +001 509 625 6200) who guided us through the idyllic Little Spokane River, was as calm as the tranquil waters we followed downstream.

With the sun beating down on us, we barely realised we had passed an entire afternoon as we paddled our way through the region's rich, lush grassland.

## FACT FILE: WASHINGTON STATE

<b>Time difference</b>	- 8 hours (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Olympia
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Population</b>	About 6.6 million
<b>Currency</b>	£1 = approx US \$1.6
<b>Religion</b>	Christian
<b>Largest city</b>	Seattle

## Travel facts

• Tom Morgan was a guest of Seattle and Washington State Tourism, and flew with KLM from London. KLM flies daily ex-Heathrow to Seattle from £419 return. KLM reservations: 0871 222 7474 and [www.klm.com](http://www.klm.com).

• Tour operators to the region include Bon Voyage, which offers ten-night fly-drives from £629 for October 2009-May 2010 departures, including flights and car hire.

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# Still the nation of gazumpers

■ BY NICK AMES

A STUDY has found that gazumping continues to be a significant issue in the UK property market.

Despite the slow sales that have been such a feature of the property downturn, more than one person in 10 who responded to a question about sales being hijacked at the last minute said they had been a victim of such actions.

And more than one in five said that if the opportunity arose for them to pursue a last-minute sale at the expense of another purchaser, they would do so without taking anyone else's feelings into consideration.

Gazumping happens when someone makes an offer on a property that is agreed to, only for someone to come in at the last minute and make the purchase with a higher offer.

It works because any agreement between buyer and seller is not recognised in law until a contract has been signed.

It is the period between when an offer is made and when a contract is signed that creates room for gazumping, with the original buyer losing out if they will not beat the later offer.

The figures mean home-buyers could be forking out up to £290 million annually in pointless surveys, searches and lawyers' fees when they are gazumped at the last hurdle, according to a new study from leading independent personal finance website Fool.co.uk.



**BAD NEWS DAY:** Research shows that one in five of us are happy to shatter the dreams of other home-buyers

From a survey of 2,000 of its readers, Fool.co.uk – which was looking at malpractice within the industry – found that 12 per cent had been gazumped over the past year.

More startlingly, 22 per cent revealed they

would attempt to gazump a sale if they could, and the property were desirable enough, with 11 per cent describing it as a “necessary evil”.

Gazumping is especially a problem for first-time buyers, who are unlikely to have the

available capital to match a gazumping bid, especially when more than 10 per cent of the UK property market is now powered by buy-to-let operations with deeper pockets.

According to Alison Hunt at Fool.co.uk, there are some basic steps that a buyer can attempt to make to prevent gazumping:

1. Insist the property is removed from the market.
2. Sell your property before buying another.
3. Exchange contracts as quickly as possible.
4. Maintain a good relationship with the seller.

5. Work with agents on an exclusive basis.

In the meantime, buyers are warned to be aware of the risk of being gazumped, though as house prices stall, and sales volume stalls, property-buyers may be increasingly less likely to suffer from being gazumped.

David Kuo, head of personal finance at Fool.co.uk, said: “For many people, the purchase of a house will probably be the biggest single acquisition they will ever make.

“It can take months of searching to find the ideal home and anything that dashes the dream can be emotionally draining, especially if it is the result of being gazumped.

“But it's not only emotions that get hurt when you are gazumped – finances can take a battering, too.

“Consequently, it is important to minimise the chances of being gazumped, though it is not possible to eliminate the risk completely.

“It is sometimes said that gazumping is the price we pay for free-market competition.”

## PROPERTY NEWS

### Confidence grows as investors back property

ALMOST half of UK consumers believe that buying property is the best way to invest money.

In a study by Scottish Widows, 48 per cent of those polled said investing in property was the best way to maximise returns on hard-earned cash.

This figure is a significant increase on 12 months ago, when just 28 per cent of those surveyed cited property as the best choice of investment.

Commenting on the results, Jason Butler of Bloomsbury Financial Planning said investors should avoid “backing one horse”, adding that there was no such thing as a “best investment”.

He acknowledged that many investors “want to invest in [property] over and above other investments”.

However, he warned that investors looking to build their property portfolio should proceed with caution because the property market fluctuated depending on the borrowing options available.

## Lower deposit boost for FTBs

FIRST-TIME buyers will be happy to learn that mortgage-lenders are now asking for lower deposits.

According to Mortgageforce, the average deposit required in August was 21.25 per cent – down from 25 per cent the previous month.

The move is regarded as a sign that confidence is returning after months of gloom.

Katie Tucker, Mortgageforce technical manager, said: “More generous deals are available – the ongoing stability of house prices reduces the risk of negative equity and reposessions that lenders are keen to avoid, so we should see more accommodating terms.”

However, Ms Tucker also advises borrowers to be clear about the difference between ‘discount’ and ‘tracker’ loans, explaining that discount rates do not follow the base rate.

They are instead linked to bank and building society standard variable rates, which can be changed at the lender's whim.

In related news, prospective buyers should be aware that from January next year, stamp duty will be reintroduced on properties over £125,000.

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Baby Land Rover given the green light to roll

LAND Rover has confirmed it will press the production button on its exciting LRX concept (pictured) – it goes on sale in 2011.

Billed as the “smallest, lightest and most efficient vehicle” LR has ever produced, it will slot in below the current Freelander and is tipped to offer greener technologies including a hybrid powertrain option. It will also guarantee the future of the newly-formed Jaguar Land Rover group's production plant at Halewood, Merseyside.



### Hybrids can be fun as Peugeot aims to show

PEUGEOT is not only readying a diesel-electric hybrid for sale, but also pitching the idea that hybrids can be fun.

The type will debut in the French marque's new Nissan Qashqai-bashing 3008, launched initially in conventional mode next month, but the RCZ Coupé hybrid concept spin-off pictured here raises the pulse more than most hybrids.

It has 200bhp from electrically driven rear wheels and a diesel front end, yet averages nearly 80mpg and evades road tax with just 95g/km of CO2 emissions.



### Focus wins again – this time as star used buy

BRITAIN'S best-selling motor has also won a major accolade from the influential What Car? Used Car of the Year 2009 awards.

The Ford Focus, in 1.6 Zetec Climate form, took the ‘best small family car’ title for its economy and reputation for reliability. The judging panel said: “There's good head and legroom in the front and back, and room for five people. The boot is a generous size and easy to load; fold down the rear seats and you can move masses of stuff.”



**DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION:** Launched in 2003, the current 5-Series styling remains controversial, however BMW's big seller handles beautifully and continues to tick the right boxes

# BMW star continues to wear badge with pride

FOR years, the BMW 5-Series held pride of place in the management suite. But a new recruit with a familiar name has upset the seating plan.

This upstart is Jaguar's stunning new XF and, all of a sudden, even the big selling BMW 520d – the number one aspirational manager's motor, which outsells all other 5-Series models put together – looks like history... Or does it?

Launched in 2003, current 5-Series styling remains controversial and, while this has helped maintain freshness, previews of a looming replacement suggest a comeback for BMW conservatism.

Whatever you think of the car's looks though, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and summarised by a car loving mate of mine who described his 520d as: “The best bloody company car I've ever had”; this from someone who has enjoyed a succession of six-cylinder Audis and BMWs, including a much missed previous generation 523i.

My overriding impression was the 520d's ability to cope with everything thrown at it thanks to an engine that pulls like a train

## ROAD TEST BMW 5-SERIES

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
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Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

when needed, while sipping fuel when driven sensibly, all helped by a beautifully weighted six-speed gearbox.

A mid-life facelift added some of BMW's EfficientDynamics technology; energy recovery from braking now tops-up the battery to prevent the alternator sapping engine power.

As usual, official fuel figures are optimistic, but averaging nearly 50mpg is not unreasonable unless you exploit the engine's low-mid range punch and amazing poise for such a big car (0-62mph in 8.3 seconds); balance and economy is helped by all-aluminium bodywork ahead of the windscreen. It will hustle along country lanes making about as much fuss as it does when quietly cruising motorways.

The cabin is spacious and typically well-arranged, if clinical, and now features a more user-friendly sounds/navigation/technology interface than on launch models.

Leather is a £1,340 ‘must have’ extra to an otherwise attractive £27,430 price for an entry level 5-Series that is a long way from petrol 518i ‘poverty spec’ models of past generations, when snobby company car users would ask for the boot badge to be deleted from their order – ‘520d’, on the other hand, may be worn with pride.



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AS more people downsize their car, fuel and road tax bills, chances are that one or all of the following popular used superminis will be on their shopping list. Year in, year out they are the UK's most consistent best-sellers – a growing trend in the current economic climate. The trio are also excellent all-rounders, but a word of warning: second-hand car prices are robust at present so don't pay more than it would cost to keep your old car longer or trade up to a new car.

### FORD FIESTA



FORD'S hugely successful supermini has marched on with a new model launched in late 2008, but don't expect weaker used prices; the credit crunch, rising fuel prices and draconian road taxes have made the Fiesta a top target for its reliability, decent driving experience, engines to suit all pockets and three and five-door body styles. Ford has also regularly produced special and limited editions laden with extra goodies, offering plenty more choice – there's even a hot ST model.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### RENAULT CLIO



DOWNSIZING can be sensible and chic with the Clio and the most recent generations have married durability and driving fun with Gallic charm. Again, the option of three or five doors is a big selling point, but our French contender also has the bonus of excellent diesel versions, though the cost of the actual fuel versus petrol argues against it currently. The Clio design has tended to be highly practical as well as charming, with good space for rear passengers.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### VAUXHALL CORSA



VAUXHALL'S Corsa was created to attack the Fiesta, yet has never quite achieved the volumes of its rival. Nevertheless, it offers similar virtues, plus a greater range of engines including a punchy and frugal three-cylinder petrol engine now in greater demand due to these straitened times. Several generations of Corsa followed a 'teardrop' body style, but the latest car is bigger and more aggressively sculpted – almost a 'supersize supermini' – with a sporty VXR version too.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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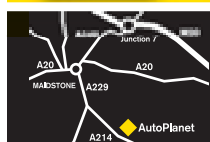
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Ashford based, bubbly and fun single mum, 23yr old, curvy build, brunette. I like reading and socialising. WLTm like minded male. Box 457472 ①

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 ①

### NOT YOUR

**BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...**  
Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 ① ②

### IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

41yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTm cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879931 ① ②

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 ①

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ①

### GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, WLTm similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712 ①

### A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 ① ②

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 ① ②

### FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 ①

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoying cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447895 ①

### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 ①

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 ①

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 ①

### SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Hailsham Box 455221 ①

### BE MINE

Honest and caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159 ①

### WAITING FOR YOU

Curvy single mum, 38, 5ft7, romantic, loyal, loving and genuine, likes swimming, theatre, live music, dining out, seeking a LTR with a like-minded male. Rochester Box 458866 ①

## CALL ME

Happy but shy girl of 37, loves all the normal things in life, seeks a mature guy, hoping for something lasting and meaningful. Bexhill-on-Sea. Box 452424 ①

## SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 ①

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ①

## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 ① ②

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## BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 ① ②

## CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into all things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 ①

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 ① ②

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 ① ②

## JUST ONE QUESTION...

A warm, generous, attractive and caring lady, 40, seeks soulmate who will love, respect and cherish her. What's taking you so long? Box 873456 ①

## WANNA RIDE WITH YOU

Curvaceous lady, 40, 5ft8, long curly hair, into motorbikes! Single mum, seeks fun-loving bike fan for rides into the sunset. Eastbourne. Box 458787 ①

## PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374 ①

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## BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 ①

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 ①

## RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

Single mother, recently separated, 41, 5ft9, slim, blonde/blue eyes, WLTm fun loving man with GSOH, someone honest and genuine. I love cooking, cycling, outdoors. Folkestone. Box 457913 ①

## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 ① ②

## SMILE!

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 454827 ①

## BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTm a gent to socialise with. Tunbridge Wells Box 878250 ① ②

## HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Audrey here, I live in Seaford and WLTm caring man. I'm fun loving, loyal, honest, adventurous and love animals, cooking, music, film, countryside. Box 872159 ①

## LET'S DATE!

Hard-working woman, 42, WLTm a nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Herne Bay Box 455327 ①

## LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Happy-go-lucky, bubbly Blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517 ①

## HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 ①

## ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 42, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, WLTm honest, fun, mixed race/black gent for lasting relationship. Box 451819 ① ②

## TALL ORDER

Curvy lady, 5ft9, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020 ①

## I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 ①

## LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 ①

## SWEET AS HONEY

Petite, slim, hot-as-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing. Looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465 ①

## LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 ①

## RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

GSOH, honest, romantic and reliable woman, 45, dark blonde hair/blue eyes. WLTm honest and reliable man 40-55. I like reading, cooking, walks, theatre, animals. Box 457521 ①

## STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 873141 ① ②

## COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 ①

## FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, N/S, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, N/S, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 ①

## HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

## FANCY A DRINK?

Hi, I'm June, 47, bubbly, loving. Looking for a trustworthy guy for a relationship. I enjoy walks, car-boots, travelling and sharing a bottle of red. Box 878294 ①

## MY PRINCE?

Not-just-for-xmas dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSOH, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872361 ①

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 ①

## ETERNALLY YOURS

Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build. WLTm genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 ①

## SAY YES!

Funny lady, 48, looking for tall/short hippy/biker/metal type to relieve the boredom. Must enjoy cat cuddling and have own chocolate because I never share! Box 878407 ①

## A BETTER TOMORROW

Young 50, slim, non-smoker, female, autumn hair. Seeking a companion to make a new start with. I'm in Dover and enjoy countryside, walks, good food/wine. Box 458847 ①

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 ①

## CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 40-45. Hastings Box 417100 ①

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## LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 ①

## FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 51, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate 45-55 for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 ① ②

## YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old lady in East Sussex, giving a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 ①

## MOVING ON

Blonde, blue-eyed solvent female, 54, home/car, young-looking, enjoys travel, dining out, conversation, swimming anything social! Seeking a like-minded man for a loving relationship. Eastbourne. Box 877161 ①

## COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642 ①

## TALL & SLIM

Sociable female, 54, tall & slim, short dark hair, green eyes, love gardening, walks, reading, visiting country pubs, dining out. WLTm a like-minded gent. Box 456504 ①

## DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 ① ②

## GREETINGS!

Carpet Lady, 56 seeking special genuine, fun loving gent, 50-60, to enjoy life with and share interests such as walking, cinema, theatre, dining out, holidays. Box 873039 ①

## WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 ①

## DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 ①

## NEVER TOO LATE

Hello, I'm Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5ft5, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452323 ①

## TIME ON OUR HANDS

Hi I'm Laureen, 62, slim, 5ft2, short brown hair, never act like age! Love Motown, parks, beaches and homey life, seeks fun-loving gent. Tunbridge Wells. Box 458750 ①

## LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE

Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897 ①

## TALL ORDER

Attractive blonde, 60's, with a young outlook on life, slim build, likes animals, walking, meals, looking for a tall man for friendship, possible LTR. Hastings. Box 456604 ①

## Women seeking women

### YOU READY FOR THIS?

Tall, blonde lady, 43, 5'7", loves rock music and her dog, looking for a fun lady who has an adventurous side. Gillingham. Box 458471 ①

### THE SWEETEST THING

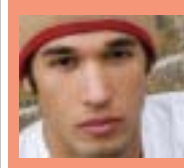
Hello there, I'm Heather, 46, kind and caring, looking for a similar soulmate. Seaford Box 454133 ①

### NO SECRETS

Genuine, kind, reliable and caring lady, 46, looking for a lady who is exactly as she seems, honest and caring. Box 458390 ①

### HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE?

Sincere female, 49, likes football, animals, country pursuits, seeks feminine woman for friendship, maybe more. Gillingham Box 456805 ①



## MEN seeking women

### HAPPY CHAPPY

Hi I'm a happy-go-lucky man, 33, a plumber, I enjoy life and everything in it. I'm fit and active and seeking the same in a woman. Box 452394 ①

### TABLE FOR 2?

Warm hearted and athletic looking man, 34, 5ft11, dark brown hair, brown eyes, looking for a strong friendship, possibly intimate relationship. Box 871685 ①

### LOVE ME TENDER

Fun-loving honest guy, 34, 5ft11, brown hair, seeking honest, caring female for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200 ① ②

### BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165 ① ②

### SOMEONE LIKE YOU

Nice upbeat male, 37, likes horse riding, cycling, social events; seeks similar person to meet for special connection. Tunbridge Wells. Box 458732 ①

### DO I ATTRACT YOU?

Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hurlton Box 457738 ①

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KICKING KING: Medway full-back Glen Wadsworth

## RUGBY

## Wadsworth kicks Medway to win over Folkestone

Medway 20 Folkestone 12

MEDWAY continue to show little respect for the established sides in London 3 South East as they beat Folkestone at Priestfields.

The home side might have made the margin of victory more comfortable in a dominant second half, but it was enough to ruin Folkestone's 100 per cent start to the season.

Luke Burns was the stand-out player in an exciting first half. He opened the scoring with a try before laying a second score on for Simon Green, which were both converted by Glen Wadsworth. Each time Medway were pegged back by a try from the visitors but Taff Gwilliam's side led 14-12 at half-time.

The home side improved in the second half and kept Folkestone pinned in their half for long spells. Their only reward was two penalties from Wadsworth, but with the visitors unable to threaten, it sealed a second victory in three games for the newly-promoted club.

Medway can put their league form to one side this weekend as they switch attention to the EDF Senior Vase. They host Surrey side Old Paulines, who have lost two of their opening three games in London 3 South West.

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DEFEAT: Chatham Town's bid for a third win in eight days fell flat despite a Brendon Cass (left) first half effort in a game which saw Brad Potter (right) limp out with an ankle injury



# Cass hits the net but Chats find Merstham a tall order

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

## Merstham 2

Simpson 8, 82

## Chatham Town 1

Cass 14



BRENDON Cass ended his drought in front of goal but it proved to be just a consolation as Chatham Town lost to fellow fast starters Merstham.

The Chats were undone by two goals from 6ft 9 ins striker Leon Simpson, making his debut after joining from Kingstorian. The winner came just eight minutes from time and despite a late surge for a second equaliser, the visitors left with nothing.

Town boss Alex O'Brien was frustrated to lose to a rival in the Ryman South's top five, but had few complaints.

He told Yourmedway: "It's a massive blow for me and the players. We looked at it fourth versus fifth and you know whoever wins gets a boost and pushes on. You always want to beat the teams in and around you, it's a like a cup final and we lost it."

"But I've got to be fair and say I think on the day the better team won. Dean Ruddy was fantastic again to keep us in the game and their new signing caused us a lot of problems."

After victories against Leatherhead and Met Police in the previous seven days, the Chats went into their game with Merstham knowing victory would take them third. O'Brien was boosted as Lee Barnett and Tom Davey both recovered from knocks to keep their places in the starting line-up.

The hosts opened the scoring on eight minutes as Simpson opened his account from a corner. Town responded quickly, Matt Solly crossing for Cass to head home. The striker's fourth goal of the season, it ended a run of seven games without a goal, much to O'Brien's relief.

He said: "Once we got the ball down and crossed the ball to him he scored. That's what we have to do but for some reason we stopped doing it afterwards."

"He will score goals but it's frustrating

### Chatham starting XI



Subs used: Lyons (Potter 40), Scott (Barnett 65), Ascheri (Cass 75)

because we're not giving him what he wants. He's had to change his game a bit to fit our system and maybe we're still finding out what he wants."

The teams were still level at the break, but the Chats lost Brad Potter to an ankle injury just before the interval. Barnett, who was also struggling with a similar injury, was replaced midway through the half.

Ruddy made several saves to keep Merstham at bay in the second half and the game looked to be heading for a draw until Simpson struck for the second time on 82 minutes.

The Chats play Ryman North side Concord Rangers in the FA Trophy this Saturday.

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# Gills let in late equaliser to let Canaries escape

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Gillingham 1

Jackson pen 35



### Norwich City 1

Russell 90+4



GILLINGHAM were left to ponder what might have been after a host of missed chances allowed ten-man Norwich City to claim an equaliser deep into stoppage time.

Darel Russell profited from some costly indecision at a corner in the 94th minute to head home from close range. It was a punishment for the home side's profligacy in front of goal, which has been a recurring theme at Priestfield this season. Against Millwall and Exeter they got away with spurning a host of chances, but even with ten men, Norwich were a different proposition.

Manager Mark Stimson agreed his side should have had the game wrapped up long before City's late show.

He said: "We could have quite easily sat here with the same result as Exeter and Millwall. If we scored the second goal I don't think Norwich would have shown much desire to get in the box in the final third of the game because they'd probably know the game was over. But when it's 1-0 and you're playing against a good side which get a buzz out of winning points, then you're always up against it."

City were comfortably the best team to visit the Gills this season and controlled the opening half hour, with Wes Hoolahan revelling in a free role. The hosts struggled until the game was



Picture: ADY KERRY

**PEGGED BACK:** Goalkeeper Simon Royce was beaten in the 94th minute as Gillingham dropped two points against Norwich

turned on its head when Curtis Weston was brought down in the penalty area by Fraser Forster. City felt aggrieved with the decision, which saw the goalkeeper sent off, as Jackson notched his fourth penalty of the season.

With a man advantage Gillingham created five excellent chances after the break to score the potentially decisive second goal. Josh Gowling had a header cleared off the line, before Jackson and Weston had two opportunities apiece. Replacement teenage goalkeeper Declan Rudd was inspired on his debut to keep his side in it, but the Gills lacked a killer instinct.

With nothing to lose Norwich staged a late flurry and just as in their previous game against Charlton claimed a point in injury time.

Stimson was frustrated not to make the most of the opportunity to claim a big scalp

### Gillingham starting XI



Subs used: Payne (Maher 66), Nutter (Barcham 66), Miller (Jackson 79)

and felt it was a rare off-day for Jackson in front of goal.

He said: "It was just a one-off for him, I can't remember any more since he's been here – if he gets three or four chances in a game he's normally scored one or two. He could have had a hat-trick, but we're picking holes in someone who's got nine goals in 12 games, if he does that again we'd be making a statue of him."

## Dynamos outshine Stars in a one-sided thrashing

### ICE HOCKEY

#### Invicta Dynamos II Oxford City Stars 2

INVICTA Dynamos' impeccable start to the season continued as they roasted Oxford City Stars for the second time in three weeks.

The Mos thrashed the Stars 11-3 on the opening day of the season and despite coach Kevin Parrish's warnings of a tougher game, it turned out to be another one-sided encounter. Nicky Lewis and Peter Vaisanen both notched hat-tricks to keep their side top of the table with four wins out of four.

Joe White started his first home game of the season but the netminder was a spectator for long spells. The hosts had Mark Williams sent to the bin early on but still took the lead through Vaisanen.

Further goals from Laurence Billing and Lewis put the Mos 3-0 up after the first period.

The Stars enjoyed a good spell at the start of the second period and pulled a goal back. It did little to alter the flow of the game as the home side quickly re-established their dominance with strikes from Vaisanen, Lewis and Andy Smith.

The final period saw the Mos rub salt into the visitors' wounds as they went for the jugu-



Picture: GOR KUROCO

**IN FORM:** Peter Vaisanen hit a hat-trick

lar. After the Stars netted their second, the hosts scored five unanswered goals to clock up double figures. Anthony Lennon and Jack Tarczycki were on target before Vaisanen and Lewis completed their hat-tricks.

Andy Smith completed the rout late on. The Mos will be hoping lightning strikes twice again this weekend as they visit the Streatham Redskins three weeks after an 8-0 win at their rivals. Face-off on Sunday is at 6.45pm.

### LEAGUE TABLES

#### COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
1 Leeds United	9	8	1	0	+13	25
2 Charlton Athletic	9	7	1	1	+13	23
3 Bristol Rovers	9	6	2	1	+7	19
4 Milton Keynes Dons	9	5	3	1	+3	17
5 Colchester United	9	4	3	2	+8	15
6 Huddersfield Town	9	4	3	2	+7	15
7 Swindon Town	9	4	3	2	+2	14
8 Oldham Athletic	9	3	3	3	-2	12
9 Gillingham	9	3	2	4	+3	11
10 Southend United	9	2	5	2	+2	11
11 Hartlepool United	9	2	3	4	0	11
12 Millwall	9	2	4	3	-1	10
22 Wycombe Wanderers	9	1	3	5	-6	6
23 Tranmere Rovers	9	1	1	7	-13	4
24 Southampton (-10)	9	1	6	2	-1	-1

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
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2 Folkestone Invicta	8	5	2	1	+6	17
3 Merstham	8	4	2	2	+1	16
4 Croydon Athletic	7	4	1	2	+15	14
5 Chatham Town	8	4	1	3	-1	13
9 Dulwich Hamlet	8	3	2	3	+1	11
10 Metropolitan Police	8	2	4	2	+2	10
11 Burgess Hill Town	8	3	1	4	-1	10
20 Whitstable Town	6	2	0	4	-9	6
21 Ashford Town	7	1	0	6	-13	5
22 Chislehurst	8	0	4	4	-9	4

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
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2 Beckenham Town	7	7	0	0	+8	16
3 Herne Bay	7	5	0	2	+4	15
4 Greenwich Borough	8	3	3	2	+5	12
5 Erith & Belvedere	6	4	0	2	+3	12
12 Sporting Bengal Utd	6	2	0	4	-12	6
13 Tunbridge Wells	5	1	2	2	0	5
14 Norton Sports	7	1	1	5	-6	4
15 Corinthian	4	0	1	3	-10	1
16 Lordswood	6	0	1	5	-13	1

#### FIXTURES (Saturday):

Coca-Cola League One: Southampton v Gillingham; FA Trophy Preliminary Round: Chatham Town v Concord Rangers; Kent League Premier Division: Lordswood v Tunbridge Wells



### TEAM TALK

with Gills skipper  
**BARRY FULLER**

## We would have won but for sloppy error

EVERYONE was down in the dressing room after Saturday's game, when you concede such a late goal it always feels like a defeat.

We were really disappointed because we knew it was a game we should have won and we've dropped two points.

Before the game we might have taken a point because we know Norwich are going to be right up there come the end of the season, but after leading for so long we knew it was a great chance to beat one of the biggest teams in League One.

The equaliser was a sloppy goal to give away and it was one of those where it either comes back off the bar and goes in or it falls to one of our players and it's cleared - no problem.

The biggest disappointment was knowing we had created enough to win the game comfortably.

On another day, Simeon Jackson could have had a hat-trick, but no one's going to point the finger at him because he's taken his chances this season. Without him we wouldn't have won anywhere near as many points.

We have to learn from it but there are positives to take. Norwich were definitely the best team we've faced at Priestfield this season – we could hardly get the ball off them in the first 25 minutes – but we've got something out of the game.

We've got our fourth big team in a row this weekend when we go to Southampton, another team we're really looking forward to playing.

Everyone is aware we haven't won away so far this season and it's something we need to sort out, but St Mary's would be a great place to end the run.

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